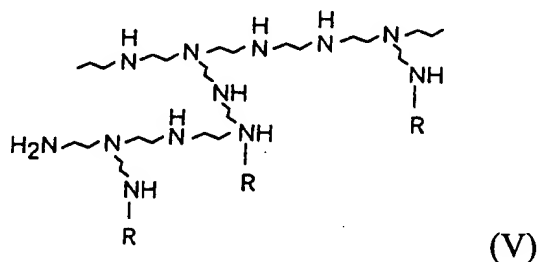


26. (Twice Amended) A composition comprising a polyalkylenimine or a salt thereof, wherein said polyalkylenimine or said salt comprises (a) two or more hydrophobic groups and (b) a base skeleton comprising seven or more nitrogen atoms, wherein the degree of substitution on said nitrogen atoms is $\leq 24.5\%$.

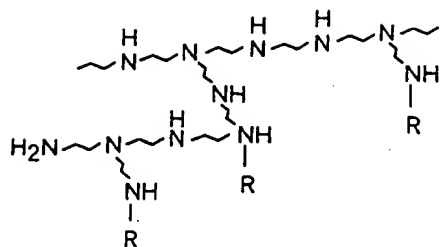
Please add new claims 51-63 as follows.

51. (New) A composition comprising a polyethylenimine or a salt thereof, wherein said polyethylenimine has a repeat unit represented by formula (V), and the average molecular weight of said polyethylenimine is about 600 Da:



wherein R represents $C_{10}H_{21}$, $C_{12}H_{25}$, $C_{14}H_{29}$, $C_{16}H_{33}$, or $C_{18}H_{37}$.

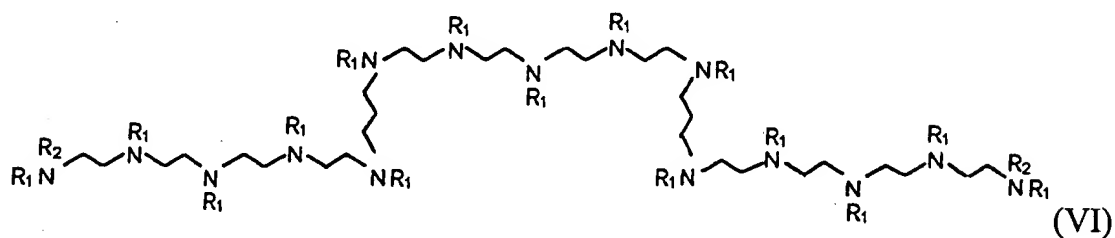
52. (New) A composition comprising a polyethylenimine or a salt thereof, wherein said polyethylenimine has a repeat unit represented by formula (V), and the average molecular weight of said polyethylenimine is about 1800 Da:



(V)

wherein R represents $C_{16}H_{33}$.

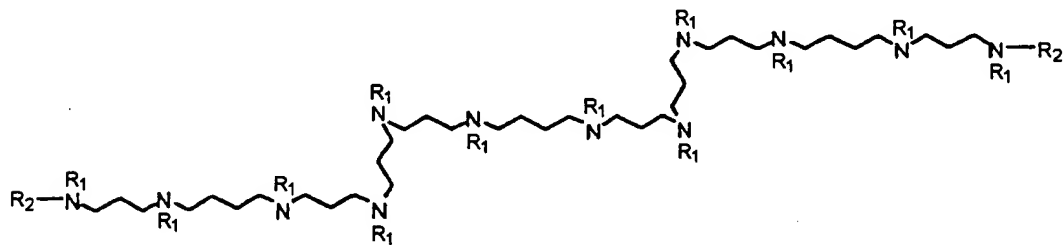
53. (New) A composition comprising a polyethylenimine or a salt thereof, wherein said polyethylenimine is represented by formula (VI):



(VI)

wherein R_1 represents hydrogen or a tosyl group; and R_2 represents $C_{16}H_{33}$, $C_{12}H_{25}$ or C_8H_{17} .

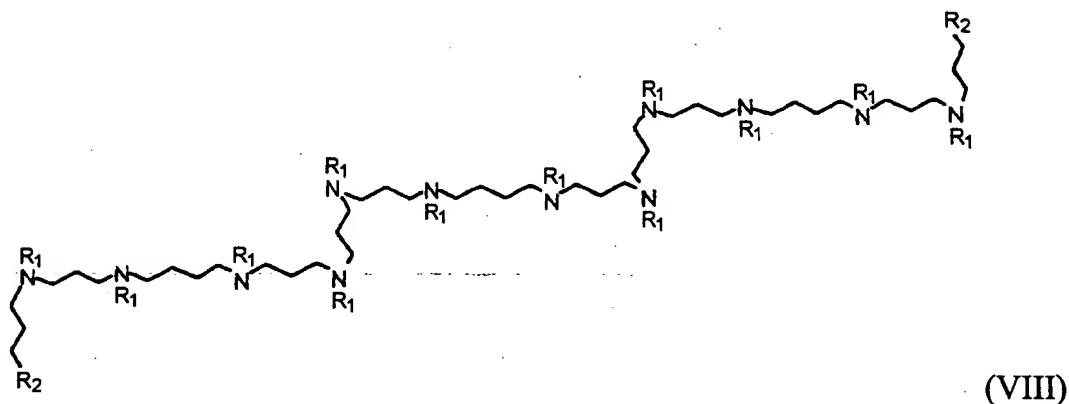
54. (New) A composition comprising a polyethylenimine or a salt thereof, wherein said polyethylenimine is represented by formula (VII):



(VII)

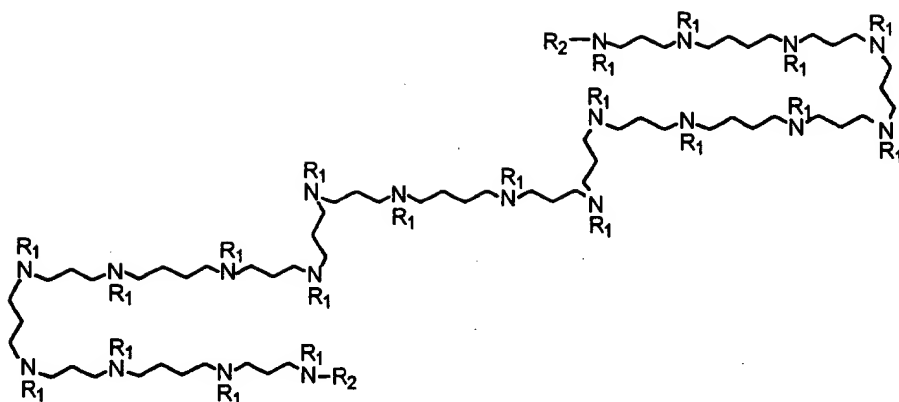
wherein R_1 represents hydrogen or a tosyl group; and R_2 represents $C_{16}H_{33}$, $C_{12}H_{25}$, C_8H_{17} , or C_4H_9 .

55. (New) A composition comprising a polyethylenimine or a salt thereof, wherein said polyethylenimine is represented by formula (VIII):



wherein R_1 represents hydrogen or a tosyl group; and R_2 represents a hydroxyl group, bromide, or $(CH_3)_3C(CH_3)_2SiO$.

56. (New) A composition comprising a polyethylenimine or a salt thereof, wherein said polyethylenimine is represented by formula (IX):



(IX)

wherein R₁ represents hydrogen or a tosyl group; and R₂ represents C₁₆H₃₃.

57. (New) The composition of any one of Claims 51 to 56, further comprising a phospholipid.

58. (New) The composition of Claim 57, wherein the phospholipid is a neutral or basic phospholipid.

59. (New) The composition of Claim 58, wherein the phospholipid comprises a phosphatidylethanolamine or phosphatidylcholine skeleton.

60. (New) The composition of Claim 58, wherein the phospholipid is a diolelyphosphatidylethanolamine or phosphatidylcholine.

61. (New) A complex comprising a physiologically active substance comprising a negative charge and a composition of any one of Claims 51 to 56.

62. (New) The complex of Claim 61, wherein the physiologically active substance comprising a negative charge is a nucleic acid or its derivative.

63. (New) A method for introducing a physiologically active substance comprising a negative charge to a cell, said method comprising a step of contacting the complex of Claim 61 with said cell.
